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SUBJECT: ACTIONS TO COUNTER SOVIET AGGRESSION

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2. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT VIGELA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WRITE YOU OUT OF DEEPEST CONCERN OVER THE GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA. WHEN WE MET IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES IN SEPTEMBER 1978 WE WERE BOTH ENCOURAGED BY THE EXAMPLE OF HOW NATIONS CAN RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THEIR

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SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND DIGNITY. TODAY I AM SURE YOU SHARE MY SENSE OF OUTRAGE OVER THE DELIBERATE VIOLATION OF THOSE BASIC RIGHTS IN SOUTHWEST ASIA.

THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE INSTALLATION OF A PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN THAT COUNTRY IS A CALLOUS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. IF THIS FLAGRANT VIOLATION IS ALLOWED TO PASS UNCHALLENGED, THE STRATEGIC AND PEACEFUL BALANCE OF THE WORLD WILL BE CHANGED, AND THE WESTERN VALUES WE SHARE WILL BE THREATENED. IN THE FACE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE THAT NO NATION COMMITTED TO PEACE AND STABILITY CAN CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AS USUAL WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL BE REVIEWING THE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET AGGRESSION, AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING. AS PART OF OUR RESPONSE I HAVE ORDERED THE RESTRICTION OF EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE SOVIET UNION. ARGENTINA, WITH ITS GREAT TRADITIONS, WILL NO DOUBT BE CONSIDERING THE MEASURES IT WILL TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET AGGRESSION, AS WELL AS THE AVOIDANCE OF ACTIONS WHICH COULD COMPROMISE THE RESPONSES OF OTHERS.

I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 12 AND 14 AT WHICH SUCH MATTERS CAN BE CONSIDERED. IN A FATEFUL HOUR SUCH AS THE ONE WE FACE, I ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES WORKING TOGETHER. BY JOINING IN A COMMON EFFORT TO DEAL RESOLUTELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH A COMMON CHALLENGE, WE CAN BEST PROTECT OUR NATIONAL HONOR AND WORLD PEACE.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

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3. IN DELIVERING THE FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL WITH RESPECT TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION AND WILL BE IN TOUCH ON THE SPECIFICS. WE ARE ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BE HELPFUL ON OTHER MATTERS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

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